

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 5 (cancelled).

6 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the ~~called party when calling up~~ being called as claimed in claim 9, wherein contents of the text data are displayed on a display during the transmission.

7 – 8 (cancelled).

9 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of a ~~called party when calling up~~ being called comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the called party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

retrieving ~~reading out~~ text data stored in a memory;

converting the text data into audio data at a text-to-speech converter;

transmitting the converted audio data to the called party via a radio transmitter/receiver;

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the audio data is completed,

designating reproduction ~~readout~~ of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signal ~~signals~~ from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

indicating completion of the transmission on the display after the transmission of the converted audio data is finished;

retrieving ~~reading-out~~ another item of text data stored in the memory and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter while retaining the call;

converting the text data into audio data at the text-to-speech converter for transmittal to the called party continuously; and

sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

10 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of a called party ~~when calling up~~ being called comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the called party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

retrieving ~~reading-out~~ text data stored in a memory;

converting the text data into audio data at a text-to-speech converter;

transmitting the converted audio data to the called party via a radio transmitter/receiver;

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the audio data is completed;

displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission;

designating reproduction ~~readout~~ of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signal ~~signals~~ from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

indicating completion of the transmission on the display after the transmission of the converted audio data is finished;

retrieving ~~reading-out~~ another item of text data stored in the memory and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter while retaining the call;

converting the text data into audio data at the text-to-speech converter for transmittal to the called party continuously; and

sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

11 – 15 (cancelled).

16 (previously presented). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 19, further including a means for displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission.

17 – 18 (cancelled).

19 (currently amended). A cellular phone comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

memories for storing inputted character data as text data;

a text-to-speech converter for converting the text data into audio data;

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a

means for retrieving ~~reading-out~~ the text data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of a called party to the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, a means for sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver, and a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the converted audio data is completed;

a means for designating reproduction ~~the readout~~ of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signal from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

either/both of the memories store plural items of text data; and

the controller further includes: a means for indicating completion of transmission on the display every time one of the plural items of text data has been converted into audio data and transmitted, a means for retrieving ~~reading-out~~ another item of text data stored in one of the memories while retaining the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for continuously sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver.

20 (currently amended). A cellular phone comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

memories for storing inputted character data as text data;

a text-to-speech converter for converting the text data into audio data;

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for retrieving ~~reading-out~~ the text data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of a called party to the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver;

a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the converted audio data is completed;

a means for displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission;

a means for designating reproduction ~~the readout~~ of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signal from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

either/both of the memories store plural items of text data; and

the controller further includes: a means for indicating completion of transmission on the display every time one of the plural items of text data has been converted into audio data and transmitted, a means for retrieving ~~reading-out~~ another item of text data stored in one of the memories while retaining the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for continuously sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver.

21 (currently amended). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 19, further including a means for designating the number and order of the text data to be retrieved ~~read-out~~ and transmitted to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

22 (currently amended). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 20, further including a means for designating the number and order of the text data to be retrieved ~~read-out~~ and transmitted to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

23 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of ~~the other a party when calling up~~ being called, comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the other party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

retrieving ~~reading-out~~ text data stored in a memory;

converting the text data into audio data at a text-to-speech converter in the cellular phone;

transmitting the converted audio data to the other party via a radio transmitter/receiver; ~~and~~

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the audio data is completed;

designating reproduction of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signal from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

indicating completion of the transmission on the display after the transmission of the converted audio data is finished;

retrieving another item of text data stored in the memory and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter while retaining the call;

converting the text data into audio data at the text-to-speech converter for transmittal to the called party continuously; and

sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

24 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the ~~other party when calling up~~ being called as claimed in claim 23, wherein contents of the text data are displayed on a display during the transmission.

25 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the ~~other party when calling up~~ being called as claimed in claim 23, wherein the retrieving ~~readout~~ of the text data can be designated during the call including the point of time of reception.

26 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the ~~other party when calling up~~ being called as claimed in claim 24, wherein the retrieving ~~readout~~ of the text data can be designated during the call including the point of time of reception.

27 (currently amended). A cellular phone comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

memories for storing inputted character data as text data;

a text-to-speech converter for converting the text data into audio data in the cellular

phone; and

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for retrieving reading-out the text data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of the other party to the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, a means for sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver, and a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the converted audio data is completed;

a means for designating reproduction of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signal from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

either/both of the memories store plural items of text data; and

the controller further includes: a means for indicating completion of transmission on the display every time one of the plural items of text data has been converted into audio data and transmitted, a means for retrieving another item of text data stored in one of the memories while retaining the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for continuously sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver.

28 (previously presented). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 27, further including a means for displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission.

29 (currently amended). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 27, further including a means for designating the retrieving ~~readout~~ of the text data during the call including the point of time of reception.

30 (currently amended). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 28, further including a means for designating the retrieving ~~readout~~ of the text data during the call including the point of time of reception.